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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

S E C R E T PORT MORESBY 0003

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, AFSP, PP

SUBJECT: E&E PLAN

1. THE EMBASSY IS NOW PREPARING THE FIRST E&E PLAN FOR PNG. PRIOR TO OPENING OF THIS POST E&E ARRANGEMENTS WERE DISCUSSED IN BRISBANE'S E&E PLAN (BRISBANE A-09 OF JUNE 12, 1973) WHICH STATED (PAGE 5): "EVACUATION OF U.S. CITIZENS FROM THE PNG AREA, HOWEVER, IS NOT A PART OF THIS PLAN AS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT CONTINGENCY HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY CANBERRA WITH AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES."

2. FOR CANBERRA: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW (A) WHAT ARE OR WERE THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOA; AND (B) WHETHER THEY ARE STILL IN EFFECT.

3. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF BRISBANE'S E&E PLAN WE INFORMALLY APPROACHED THE AUSTRALIAN DEP HICOM ABOUT OBTAINING DATA RE LENGTH OF RUNWAYS, ETC. FROM THEM FOR USE IN DRAWING UP OUR E&E PLAN. DEP HICOM SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO ASK US TO ASK EMBASSY CANBERRA TO APPROACH GOA DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFIARS FOR APPROVAL BEFORE HOLDING ANY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE BELIEVED APPROVAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, BUT FELT HE SHOULD GO THROUGH CHANNELS BEFORE TALKING TO US. HIS COMMENTS SUGGEST TO US, IN RETROSPECT, THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE "ARRANGEMENTS" CITED ABOVE OR THAT THEY HAVE LAPSED.

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4. FOR CANBERRA: IF "ARRANGEMENTS" CITED ABOVE HAVE LAPSED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD APPROACH DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO REQUEST DFA TO AUTHORIZE HICOM HERE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH US TO FACILITATE OUR PLANNING FOR THE EVACUATION OF AMCITS.

5. IF DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION, PLEASE INFORM CANBERRA AND THIS POST.
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